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A.—(*a*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the report [a] of the Collector of East Godavari, dated 9th November 1928, and the Government orders [a] on the subject that have been placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The number of houses that have fallen is about 4,459. The Government have no information as to the number of families that have been rendered homeless.

Damages by floods in the Vizagapatam and East Godavari districts.

*730-G *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of the damage caused by the recent floods in the Vizagapatam and Godavari districts to the people especially the agriculturists ;

(*b*) the extent and nature of the help given by the State so far to relieve the consequent distress ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to institute an inquiry into the causes of these disasters by flood and ascertain how far they are preventable, and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reports [a] and the Government orders[a] on the subject which have been placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) So far as the information received by the Government goes, the floods and the consequent damage were the direct result of abnormally heavy rain. The Government therefore at present do not see that any useful result can be expected from an enquiry such as that suggested.

Relief to the people affected by floods in the East Godavari district.

*730-H *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in connexion with the devastation caused by rains and inundation in the East Godavari district—

(*a*) what steps the Government have decided to take to give relief to

(i) people who are rendered homeless on account of the houses being washed away or collapsing,

(ii) people whose cattle are washed away,

(iii) people who suffered by reason of the crops being washed away or otherwise devastated, and

(iv) people whose goods and merchandise were washed away, submerged or otherwise deteriorated ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take up any works already sanctioned as famine-relief works and thereby give relief to the working classes ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to sanction a special grant for relief in the distressed area ?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the report [a] of the Collector of East Godavari, dated 9th November 1928, and the Government orders [a] on the subject that have been placed on the table of the House.

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(*b*) The Government do not consider that such a course is necessary. The carrying out of repairs to the damaged works should provide employment to all who need it.

Land Acquisition

Extension of the village of Attaiyampatti in Salem taluk.

* 731 Q.—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether petitions were received by the Collector of Salem from the Adi-Dravida villagers of Attaiyampatti (Salem taluk) to acquire a few acres of the surrounding land for village extension as at present the village is overcrowded;

(*b*) whether he is aware that three and four families are dumped in each single-roomed hut and that the caste Hindus have fenced the village; and

(*c*) what steps the Collector of Salem has so far taken in these matters?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information about the case. A copy of the question and answer is being sent to the Collector of Salem.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for a report and place it on the table of this House?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"Report on what point, Sir? Will the hon. Member kindly let me know on what point he wants a report?"

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"Whether there is a real difficulty for the depressed classes in getting lands for living?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I shall do so, if the hon. Member wishes it; but we will merely know what I am afraid we all know already."

Land Revenue

Cultivation of crops in Markapur taluk from April to September 1928.

* 732 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in regard to the villages in the Dornal, Dupad and Markapur firkas of the Markapur taluk and Venkatadripalem and Kolukula villages of the Yerragondapalem firka of the same taluk in the Kurnool district—

(*a*) what the rainfall was from the 1st of April 1928 to the 15th of September 1928;

(*b*) what the crops sown were between these dates;

(*c*) what the area sown was for every crop;

(*d*) what the percentage of such area was to the average extent of area under each crop; and

(*e*) whether any part of the cultivated area has been re-tilled and if so, how much?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the District Gazettes for the period, where he will find reported the rainfall recorded at Markapur. In regard to the rainfall in the villages referred to and the particulars called for in clauses (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*),